

OCTOBER 2023 *Prescott Valley UMC*

MONTH-AT-A-GLANCE: A CHANGEABLE UPDATE/OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH



Dear Beloved Church Family,

As I was preparing for this month, I found myself at a loss for words but I do feel inspired to pray. So...for the beginning of our October newsletter, I want to share a prayer for this month ahead:

Gracious God, In October's gentle embrace we find,
the warmth of faith, like leaves intertwined.
As autumn's hues paint nature's sacred halls,
we mingle with everything that seems to fall.
The trees let go, their leaves in a graceful dance,
a symbols of surrender, a holy chance,
To shed the old and embrace the new with grace,
in your love, God, we find our rightful place.
Our encounters with the crisp, cool air,
remind us of the breath of life that, with you, we share.
We remember that there is so much life
within and beyond everything in our sights.
As harvest yields its bounty, rich and true
we thank you, Lord, for all you have brought us through.
In every pumpkin's glow, in every harvest song,
we share in the truth that we all belong.
October's grace, a reminder to us all,
in faith, we stand, as autumn leaves do fall.
So as we gather in all of your sacred spaces,
both behind closed doors and open places,
We pray you help us cherish every moment, every grace,
and celebrate that you will never leave us displaced.
In October's beauty, let our spirits give,
for in the church's love, we know your presence lives.
Amen.

May we continue to pray for God's grace as the weather chills and the activities rise.

Blessings,
Pastor Amanda

PRESCOTT VALLEY UMC'S MISSION STATEMENT:



Reaching up in Prayer



Reaching out in Love



**Reaching in for
guidance by the Holy
Spirit**



PVUMC HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERIES: ***Heritage of Generosity***

For the months of October and November, we will be looking at our theology and heritage of GENEROSITY. This series will be happening alongside our Stewardship Campaign and will invite us to look at the ways we are called to not only give but celebrate the impact our generosity has on the world around us.

While we will be looking at various scripture, the core of our series will embrace the truth that we PLANT, TEND, PRUNE, PRODUCE, and SHARE all the good things given to us by God.

Throughout this series we will be learning about who we are as a community, called to generosity, and we will be creating a tangible symbol of our individual parts coming together as a sign of how our church changes lives!



We have a ST DY. What's missing? U!

Come join our Bible Studies With Pastor Gary Simons

*** Women in the Bible**

Sundays at 9am

***Revelation: An Upsetting Book**

Wednesdays at 10:30am



2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE*

October 8th

Scripture: Micah 4:3-4
Sermon: Thriving Planet— PLANT

October 15th

Scripture: Jonah 4:1-10
Sermon: Value of Life—TEND

October 22nd

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-20
Sermon: Handling Gold— GROW

October 29th

Scripture: Mark 4:1-9
Sermon: Sowing Soil—PRUNE

November 5th

Scripture: Proverbs 13:22
Sermon: Who we are, What we give, what we leave—PRODUCE

***Sunday Service Information**

***To join our worship online,
you are invited to visit our
YouTube Channel,
Prescott Valley UMC***

***We will be streaming live @
10:10 am***

***If we are having any technical
issues, we will post on our
Facebook page an update.
Let us know if you would like
to be informed directly.***



Care & **NURTURE**



Senior & Caregivers Conference & Expo

Friday, October 13, 2023

**Liberty Traditional School
3300 N Lake Valley Rd
Prescott Valley AZ**

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT EVENT!

Being a Caregiver isn't easy. Nor is it easy for the Care Recipient. The decisions that need to be made can be overwhelming. Often, the hardest part is knowing where to find help for yourself and your loved ones.

The Expo provides an opportunity to visit with representatives from a large number of companies that provide products, services and support, to help you succeed in your role as a Senior and/or Family Caregiver. Information and literature will be available, and you may ask questions related to your specific needs or those of your loved ones.

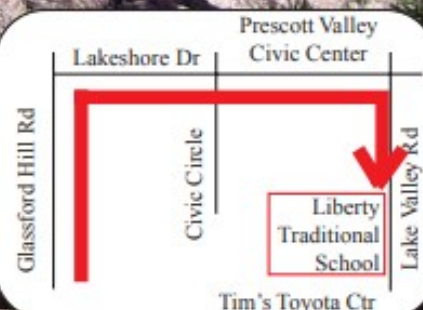
You are not Alone - Help is available!

**Dozens of Senior Resource Vendors
10AM - 3PM FREE ADMISSION**



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MISSION & EVENTS



PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

The **October Mission of the Month** is the Prescott Community Cupboard Food Pantry (PCCFP). Lee Danaher, Chair of the Board of Directors, will be here on Sunday, October 1st to speak about their program. We are supporting this food pantry in partnership with Prescott UMC.

Donations may be either financial, or made from this list of most requested items:

Canned beans, soups, or vegetables	Canned fruit
Canned meats: tuna, chicken, spam, chili with meat, corned beef, pasta with meat	Boxed cold cereal (lower sugar preferred)
Macaroni and cheese box	Oatmeal variety packs or regular oatmeal
Prepared pasta sauce and pasta	
Hamburger helper or similar. Boxed meal kits where protein is added. Instant potato side dishes and packs.	Prepared noodle side dishes (like Knorr, etc.), rice mixes (Rice-a-Roni, Knorr or similar) or other boxed grain mixes (couscous, falafel, basmati, etc.)



Prepare to attend some Exciting Year-End Events!!

- ⇒ On October 7th the UMM will hold an **old-fashioned Ice Cream Social** with homemade ice cream! Yummy in the tummy!
- ⇒ December 2nd will be the annual **Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale**. A nice hot homemade soup lunch will be available. The Committee is looking for volunteers to work during the event, and also to bake and/or make a crock pot of soup and donate that to the event. If you can help in any way, or if you have questions, please let us know. A sign-up sheet will soon be available in the Narthex.

- * **“SOS” for Stepping Stones!**
We will continue to accept paper towels for the Stepping Stones Emergency Shelter. They are always in need of this particular supply. A collection basket will remain on a table in the Narthex.
- * Last but certainly not least, we would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to you, **Our Members**, for always stepping up to help others in need.
- * Michael just disbursed a check to **CASA Meals on Wheels for \$529.00** from your generous donations in August. Blessings to all of you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

This “Stewardship Corner” page is where we are going to be sharing a variety of ways we, Prescott Valley UMC, are investing in the managing and sharing of our time, talents, treasures, and witness. We believe that God calls us to be good stewards of what we have, and faithfully share with one another in this call!!



Join Us for Our Stewardship Campaign

We are excited to invite you to participate in our annual Stewardship Campaign, themed "Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives!"

At Prescott Valley UMC, we firmly believe that our congregation is the heart of our community, and it's your unwavering dedication and support that make our church a beacon of hope and transformation.

As we embark on this campaign, we ask you to reflect on the profound impact our church has had on your life and the lives of others. It's through your generosity and commitment that we are able to extend our outreach, offer spiritual guidance, and create a warm and welcoming space for all.

Your generosity goes beyond the financial—it is a culmination of your time, talents, treasures, and testimonies that are the driving force behind our mission to spread love, compassion, and faith. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our members and the broader community.

We invite you to be a part of this transformative journey. Join us in prayer, pledge your support, and let's ensure that "Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives" becomes a reality. Stay tuned for upcoming events, testimonials, and opportunities to get involved. Together, we can make a lasting impact.



We have an addition to our Month-At-A-Glance (MAAG)! This page will be added to celebrate stories shared, reflections, and other little things members of our church family wanted to share!

This month, we have a special article shared with us through Jerry Cotner.

THE MEANING OF LIFE By Robert Fulghum

(Extracted from *IT WAS ON FIRE WHEN I LAY DOWN ON IT*)

"Are there any questions?" An offer that comes at the end of college lectures and long meetings. Said when an audience is not only overdosed with information, but when there is no time left anyhow. At times like that you sure do have questions. Like, "can we leave now?" And "what the heck was this meeting for?" And "where can I get a drink?"

The gesture is suppose to indicate openness on the part of the speaker, I suppose, but if in fact you do ask a question, both the speaker and the audience will give you drop-dead looks. And some fool - some earnest idiot - always asks. And the speaker always answers, by repeating most of what he has already said.

But if there is a little time left and there is a little silence in response to the invitation, I usually ask the most important question of all: "What is the meaning of life?"

You never know, somebody may have the answer, and I'd really hate to miss it because I was too socially inhibited to ask. But when I ask, it's usually taken as a kind of absurdist move - people laugh and nod and gather up their stuff and the meeting is dismissed on that ridiculous note.

Once, and only once, I asked that question and got a serious answer. One that is still with me.

First, I must tell you where this happened, because the place has a power of its own. In Greece.

Near the village of Gonia, on a rocky bay of the island of Crete, sits a Greek orthodox monastery. Alongside it, on land donated by the monastery, is an institute dedicated to human understanding and peace, especially to rapprochement between Germans and Cretes. An improbable task, given the bitter residue of wartime.

This site is important, because it overlooks the small airstrip at Maleme where Nazi paratroopers invaded Crete and were attacked by peasants wielding kitchen knives and hay scythes. The retribution was terrible. The populations of whole villages were lined up and shot for assaulting Hitler's finest troops. High above the institute is a cemetery with a single cross marking the mass grave of Cretan partisans. And across the bay on yet another hill is the regimental burial ground of the Nazi paratroopers. The memorials are so placed that all might see and never forget. Hate was the only weapon the Cretans had at the end, and it was a weapon many vowed never to give up. Never ever.

Against this heavy curtain of history, in this place where the stone of hatred is hard and thick, the existence of an institute devoted to healing the wounds of war is a fragile paradox. How it come to be there? The answer is a man. Alexander Papaderos.

A doctor of philosophy, teacher, politician, resident of Athens but a son of this soil. At the war's end, he came to believe that the Germans and the Creates had much to give one another - much to learn from one another. That they had an example to set. For if they could forgive each other and construct a creative relationship, then any people could.

To make the lovely story short, Papaderos succeeded. The institute became a reality - a conference ground on the site of horror - and it was in fact a source of productive interaction between the two countries. Books have been written on the dreams that were realized by what people gave to people in this place.

By the time I came to the institute for a summer session, Alexander Papaderos had become a living legend. One look at him and you saw his strength and intensity - energy, physical power, courage, intelligence, passion, and vivacity radiated from his person. And to speak to him, to shake his hand, to be in a room with him when he spoke, was to experience his extraordinary electric humanity. Few men live up to their reputations when you get close. Alexander Papaderos was an exception.



THE MEANING OF LIFE cont.

At the last session on the last morning of a two-week seminar on Greek culture, led by intellectuals and experts in their fields who were recruited by Papaderos from across Greece, Papaderos rose from his chair at the back of the room and walked to the open front, where he stood in the bright Greek sunlight of an open window and looked out. We followed his gaze across the bay to the iron cross marking the German cemetery.

He turned and made the ritual gesture: "Are there any questions?"

Quiet quilled the room. These two weeks had generated enough questions for a lifetime, but for now there was only silence.

"No questions?" Papaderos swept the room with his eyes.

So I asked, "Dr. Papaderos, what is the meaning of life?"

The usual laughter followed, and people stirred to go.

Papaderos held up his hand and stilled the room and looked at me for a long time, asking with his eyes if I was serious and seeing from my eyes that I was.

"I will answer your question."

Taking his wallet out of his hip pocket, he fished into a leather billfold and brought out a very small round mirror, about the size of a quarter.

And what he said went like this:

"When I was a small child, during the war, we were very poor and we lived in a remote village. One day, on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in the place.

"I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it was not possible, so I kept only the largest piece. This one. And by scratching on a stone I made it round. I began to play with it as a toy and became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun would never shine - in deep holes and crevices and dark closets. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places I could find.

"I kept the little mirror, and as I went about growing up, I would take it out in idle moments and continue the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child's game but a metaphor for what I might do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of light. But light - truth, understanding, knowledge - is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it.

"I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world - into the black places in the hearts of men - and change some things in some people. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of my life."

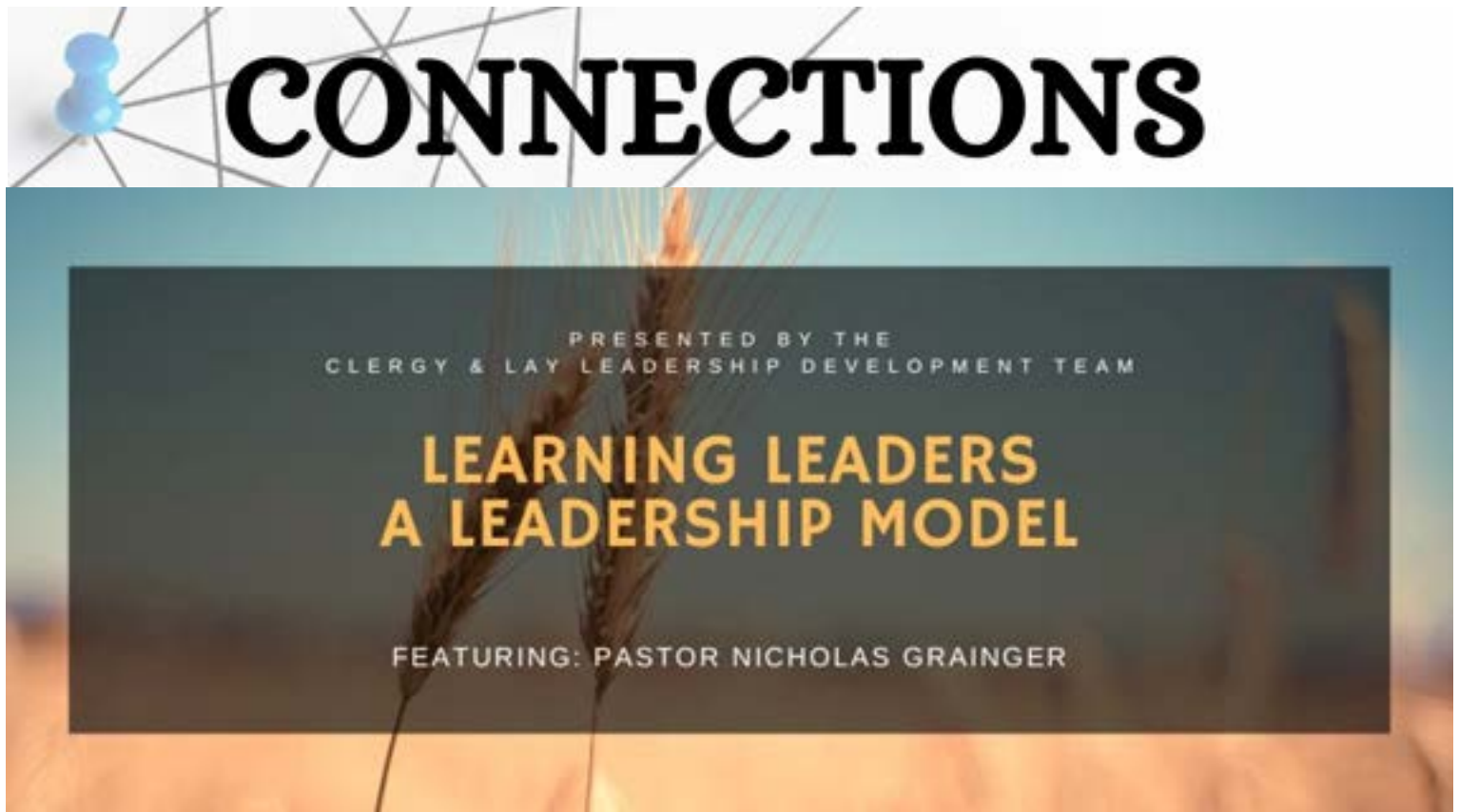
And then he took his small mirror and, holding it carefully, caught the bright rays of daylight streaming through the window and reflected them onto my face and onto my hands folded on the desk.

Much of what I experienced in the way of information about Greek culture and history that summer is gone from memory. But in the wallet of my mind I carry a small round mirror.

I hope that what you experience in life will make a mirror of each of you. To reflect what you learn - the understanding and the knowledge - to light up the dark places you find. To that end each of you will receive a mirror to carry to remind you of this day and the "meaning of life."

Are there any questions

*To submit a story, send a request to Pastor Amanda at
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The Conference Clergy and Lay Leadership Development team are excited to announce Leadership Talks are back! The next session on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM via Zoom, will be presented by Nicholas Grainger, Pastor at [Hope UMC](#) in Bullhead City. Pastor Nicholas Grainger is excited to be back in the Desert Southwest after three years serving as a Student Pastor in the North Georgia Conference while attending Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. He is a native of Las Vegas (attending University UMC) and was active in Boy Scouts and District and Conference Youth events through middle and high school. He has a BA in Communication with a minor in Leadership from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA (a historically Methodist institution), a Masters of Education (M.Ed.) in College Administration with a minor in Communication from Oregon State University, and as of May, a M.Div. with concentrations in 'Scripture and Interpretation' and 'Justice, Peace Building, and Conflict Transformation' from Candler. Currently, Pastor at Hope UMC and working towards being commissioned as a Provisional Elder.

His Leadership Talk is "Learning Leaders: A Leadership Model". Inspired by the book "Learning as a Way of Leading: Lessons from the Struggle for Social Justice" by Preskill and Brookfield. [Click here](#) to find it on Amazon.

Register now for the October 9th Leadership Talk

Don't miss this learning and enriching opportunity. Register for this leadership talk on the C&LLD website (found at dscumc.org) and add this session to your calendar. If you have questions, please contact:

Judy Martin at stilljudymartin@gmail.com and (602) 329-9935,
or Jeannie Ward at cjward44@q.com and (928) 772-6760.



Oh, my goodness! I meant to carve a smile on this pumpkin! I was so busy taking out all of the 'bad stuff'

inside that I forgot to watch what I was doing....guess that can happen to us, too.

We need to empty the 'bad stuff' from our lives...and, then be careful and watchful how we live (and, hopefully, smile) on the outside.

Enjoy your Halloween...stay safe and don't eat all of the leftover candy on the first day....

See you soon,
Your little church mouse

OFFICE UPDATE:

The church is open and ready to serve you. *Office Hours:*
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION

To join our worship online, you are invited to visit our YouTube Channel, Prescott Valley UMC! We will be streaming live @ 10:10 am!

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Amanda directly!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual PV UMC
Church Conference*

November 18th

-2pm (Staff-Parish meeting with the District Superintendent)

-3pm (All Church Conference)

*We will have more information shared in our next Newsletter!

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is like wi-fi
it's invisible but it has
the power to connect
you to what you need.

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
Communion Sunday In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15am		Care & Nurture-9:30am	Missions Mtg -10:00am Revelation Study-10:30am	Caring Stitchers -10:30am HUSD Faith Based- 12:30pm at Emmanuel Lutheran	Sisters of Grace-11:00am	UMM ICE CREAM SOCIAL- 2:00-4:00pm	
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Choir Rehearsal 9:00 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30	CLLD Leadership Talk- 7:00pm	Quad-City Interfaith- 12:00pm	Revelation Study-10:30am	Nifty Nineties-2:00pm	Sr. Connections Expo.- 10:00am-3:00pm		
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Choir Rehearsal 9:00 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30			Revelation Study-10:30am	Caring Stitchers- 10:30am	Men's Fellowship-8:00am HUSD Meet, Chat, Eat- 11:00am Las Fuentes Visit-2:00pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Choir Rehearsal 9:00 In-House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30		M.A.A.G. Article Deadline for November Issue	Revelation Study-10:30am			Prescott Community Cupboard 50th-1:00pm- 4:00pm	
29	30	31	01	02	03	04	
Choir Rehearsal 9:00 House/LIVE Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 11:30		Leadership Board- 9:00am					
OCT. BIRTHDAYS		OCT. ANNIVERSARIES		NOV. BIRTHDAYS		NOV. ANNIVERSARIES	
1 Anderson, Mila		20 Baker, Jan		1 Dermer, Alan Jr.		19 Harlason, Catherine &	
9 Hatfield, Jerry		25 Edwards, Carolyn		2 Anderson, Debbie		Darron	
11 Rosengarten, Linda		26 Staker, Carm		7 Moore, Dianna			
12 Herigodt, Janet		31 Stock, Carolyn		25 Totman, Marianne			
17 Decker-Lockwook,				27 Badger, Laurie			
Kay							
18 McGill, Sandi							

Sunday Worship Times	
9:00am	Adult Bible Study
9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
10:15am	Worship Service
Leadership	
Bishop	Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut
Dist. Supt.	Rev. Javier Olivares
Dist. Lay Leader	Jeannie Ward
Pastor	Rev. Amanda Corella
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Gary Simons
Lay Leader	Elton Anderson
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Choir Director	Mary Roberts



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